VIA TELEFACSIMILE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kolesnick et al.

RECEIVED **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

NOV 0 3 2003

Application No.: 09/928,872

Conf. No.: 8412

Filed: August 13, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1644

For: METHODS FOR THE

MODULATION OF ACID-

SPHINGOMYELINASE-RELATED Attorney Docket No.: 6923-106

Examiner: Huynh, Phuong N.

APOPTOSIS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated July 1, 2003 in connection with the aboveidentified application, and in accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendments set forth below and consider the remarks which follow. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for One Month from October 1, 2003 to and including November 1, 2003, including provision for the required fee. November 1, 2003, being a Saturday, this reply is being timely filed on November 3, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile transmission on November 3, 2003 to facsimile telephone number 1-703-872-9306.

31,232

(Reg. No.)

43.171 (Reg. No.)

NY2: 1476557.1